

**PARTY DEGRADATION.**

In the *Christian Register* is a partial review of his own work by Dr. Edward Everett Hale. He tells of the stirring work of 1861-65, and in the course of it says: "Whatever I could think of which I could do for my country, I tried to do."

That sentence gives an idea of the man. It was that disposition which caused the men of Boston to rise up and celebrate the venerable man's eightieth birthday (April 3rd), with imposing ceremonies. Senator Hoar went up from Washington to make the congratulatory address, and the best and brightest of Boston's men and women drew near to do him reverence.

That disposition made and has more than once saved this country.

That disposition is what keeps the Great Republic running on an even keel, it makes our country the world's wonder and admiration. All over it, by the humble hearthstones in the country, in the libraries of clergymen, in the shops where cars and ships are built, in the factories where the looms are humming—everywhere the real Americans are planning how they can do something for their country and are trying to do it.

This spirit has made of our country a world's splendor; in a single century it has advanced from nothing until it is today the foremost of the world's nations. That spirit causes the world's oppressed to turn with outstretched arms to us: that spirit is the very opposite of the one which is seen daily now in the Congress of the Nation, and which in the hope of creating a little party capital is declaring to the world that the army of the United States is made up of ruffians; that the Government is steeped with corruption and cruelty. This has been a trait of the Democratic party ever since 1861. No matter how honorable and honest the rank and file of that party may be, as a political organization it relies upon slander and appeals to the baser passions of men for success. It clings to this too, notwithstanding all its manifold defeats. The Republican party has held power so long because the great mass of the people feared to give power to men who rely upon success through the attempted degradation of their country before the world. The Republican party has made mistakes more than once, which ought to have ousted it from power; it has been saved through the debased course of its chief adversary.

**PROGRESS.**

Russia has built a railroad through Manchuria; she is making Port Arthur impregnable; she is building a great city, and is slowly Russianizing the great country. Periodically there is a great ferment among the other powers and demands made upon Russia of when she will retire from Chinese Territory. She always blandly replies that just so soon as conditions permit she will gladly evacuate the country. We are told that in London the belief exists that the

right conditions for such a change will never come if Russia is left to be the judge.

This seems almost grotesque. It may be natural for France and Germany to keep their eyes upon the "White Bear," but that Great Britain should debate the probability or possibility of Russia ever giving up any country that she has once appropriated, or that England should speak in a tone as though Russia was not acting in good faith, is comical. What if Russia should answer back, that she would be ready to get out of Manchuria the day that England decides to get out of Egypt, what would Englishmen have to say? The truth is that England will not give up Egypt and Russia will not surrender back Manchuria to the Mongolians, and neither ever should. There is no progress in either country possible, if left to the native inhabitants. The inertia of four thousand years is upon China; the degradation of fifteen hundred years is upon Egypt. Both are attended by cruelties that should be stopped. Both Manchuria and Egypt are great countries, under strong modern guidance they will become world's granaries; the people will be advanced, progress will begin.

It is better so. Russia has been a bugbear to Western Europe for a hundred years. The fear ought to pass away. It was the Czar who proposed the Peace Congress. The war in South Africa has demonstrated that hereafter a gigantic power can no longer count upon certain victory when at war with a weak country.

We look for no more great wars between civilized peoples.

The dawn of peace is nearer than most men think. Some barbarous peoples will have to yet be subdued, but among the Christian nations there is not to be very much more fighting. The redemption of Asia is mostly in Russian hands, that of Africa is in great part in English hands and both are well.

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Three more States! Six more wild and woolly statesmen in the Senate!—*Atlantic Constitution.*

And against such statements as this, poor Utah can't defend herself.

**A REPROACH.**

There have been more diphtheria and scarlet fever in this city during the past eight months than through any preceeding eight months since the sprinkling of the streets was generally established. There must have been a cause for this. Of course many people have not been careful to keep their premises clean, but this is not any new thing.

Our belief is that the real cause is the carelessness of people who attend upon the sick and in the same clothing go about town, ride in the street cars and mingle with the crowds in the stores on bargain days, at matinees, etc. There is no other apparent reason for the persistent continuance of these diseases. Some people are thought-

less, some careless; thousands of people in this city are indifferent, other thousands are as much fatalists as are the stolid men of the Orient, who are ready to ascribe everything to Allah's will and then exclaiming "Blessed be Allah," leave events to drift. There is no help for this except in a closer quarantine and in constant reminders to the people of the danger of carelessness and indifference. It ought to be mixed with the sermons and made a part of the Sunday School lessons.

It is not long since the American army took the direction of affairs in Cuba. Every town was a fortress in which the pestilence had been so long entrenched that its presence had been accepted as a matter of course. The cities had become a terror to the cities of our own southern coast. Today those same cities are more healthy than our own.

All that was done was to thoroughly clean and disinfect those Cuban cities, keep them clean and, where possible, to give the people a pure water supply.

With that example before us it is not only shameful but wicked that diphtheria and scarlet fever rage month after month without abatement here, where the natural conditions are the healthiest in the world.

**WHY THERE?**

The wires say Mr. Bryan went to Cuba to witness the transfer of the Sovereignty of the Island. Was he there merely as a curious or exultant spectator, or was it his intention to, if possible, acquire material for campaign purposes. We shall see later. It is impossible to think of Mr. Bryan as other than a politician, as other than a candidate for President. Hence the question, why did he go over to witness the dramatic scene enacted on Tuesday in Havana?

But no matter, Mr. Bryan had one good chance to be President. He failed. When re-nominated he had a great chance to fasten to him the love and respect of millions of his countrymen. He failed again and his second defeat involved the loss of very much of the prestige he won in the first campaign. While shouting for liberty and protesting against the tyranny of power, he used all the attributes of a merciless boss, all the arts of the common demagogue. He was not only beaten, but he came very near committing hara kiri.

Utah is falling low in the scale. A man from Boston was hurling anathemas at the climate here only three days ago.

**INGRATES.**

There are people who are mean enough to complain of the street car service in this city. Some people are never satisfied! The truth is we get more for five cents on our street cars than can be procured in any other city. While riding a mile horizontally we have half a mile extra supplied gratis in up and down tossings. Ingratitude is the basest of human attributes.